

Ordinance Number: 2500

**Ordinance Amending City Code Provisions
Regarding Weeds and High Grass.**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of LaSalle deems it to be in the best interests of the citizens of the City of LaSalle and the public in general that the present Ordinances in regard to weeds and high grass be amended as provided herein; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of LaSalle deems it to be an appropriate exercise of the corporate powers of the City of LaSalle that the City Ordinances in regard to weeds and high grass be amended as provided herein, which corporate powers include, but are not necessarily limited to the police power of the City of LaSalle, the power to abate and prevent nuisances, and the home rule power of the City of LaSalle.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of LaSalle, as follows:

Section One. That the above referenced recitals are hereby made a part and portion of the ordained portion of this Ordinance.

Section Two. That Section 91.23 of the Nuisances Section of the LaSalle City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Section 91.23: Abatement by City.

In addition to other remedies provided within these Ordinances, if the person and/or entity so served does not abate the nuisance within three days, the City may proceed to abate such nuisance, keeping an account of the reasonable expense of such abatement, and such reasonable expenses shall be charged to and paid by any owner and/or occupant in violation of this subchapter of this Ordinance. It is further expressly provided that the reasonable charges of abatement may be set from time to time by the LaSalle City

Council and/or jointly by the Mayor and the Building Inspector of the City of LaSalle with it further provided, however, that the City Council presently finds that the reasonable costs of abatement of such a nuisance shall at the present time include the following:

The sum of \$95.00 per hour for the services of an individual involved in the abatement of said nuisance (i.e. in the cutting of said high weeds and/or grass), plus the sum of \$60.00 for the equipment charge in connection with said abatement and the additional sum of \$35.00 for the vehicle charge in connection with any such abatement for a total reasonable estimated charge in connection with each such potential abatement to be thus at least in the sum of \$190.00.

Section Three. That any Ordinance in conflict herewith is hereby expressly superseded. Additionally, Sections 91.20 through 91.26 are hereby further ratified and confirmed within their entirety except as modified as provided herein and specifically in that regard with respect to the modification provided herein in connection with Section 91.23 above herein.

Section Four. That this amendment to the City of LaSalle Code of Ordinances shall be in full force and effect from and with respect to any notices of abatement served on and after September 1, 2014.

Section Five. That additionally, in the event that any provision within this Ordinance shall be declared invalid and/or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity of any such provision and/or portion thereof shall not affect the validity and/or enforceability of the remainder of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance and the other provisions within Sections 91.20 through 91.26 inclusive of the LaSalle Code of Ordinances.

Section Six: This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage and approval as provided by law and upon publication.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of LaSalle, LaSalle County, Illinois, held on the 26th day of August, 2014.

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN	AYE VOTE	NAY VOTE	ABSTAIN / ABSENT
James Demes	X		
James W. Bacidore		X	
Tom Ptak	X		
Jerry Reynolds	X		
John Lavieri	X		
John S. Duncan, III	X		
Therold Herndon		X	
Mark Schneider	X		
Jeff Grove, Mayor			

APPROVED: _____, Dated ____/____/2014
Mayor

ATTEST: _____, Dated ____/____/2014
City Clerk, City of LaSalle

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